



Cecelia Sims

July 6, 1946 - June 18, 2025

Princeton - Cecelia Sims, 78, passed away on Wednesday, June 18, 2025, at OSF St. Anthony, in Rockford, IL. She was born on July 6, 1946, at Perry Memorial Hospital in Princeton, Illinois, the eighth of ten children born to the late Paul and Agatha (Taylor) Sims.

When Cecelia was four, her family moved to Tiskilwa, IL, where she and her siblings worked on the family farm. She attended school in Tiskilwa and graduated with the Class of 1964. Cecelia went on to study at Rockford Memorial Hospital, where she became a Radiologic Technologist and later added a mammographer to her certifications. She dedicated her professional life to caring for others, working at local hospitals throughout her career.

In 1978, she received the greatest blessing of her life, daughter Angela Maria. Cecelia cherished Angela, and later, her son-in-law Robert Wright, and their three sons: Isaac Allen, Mason Grant, and Carter Lee. Her grandchildren, who were the light of her life, three fantastic young men whom she loved more than she knew she was capable of. ("I love you mucho!!!")

Cecelia was preceded in death by her beloved parents, Paul and Agatha; her siblings Charles Sims, Elizabeth Sims Downey, William Cletus Sims, Mary Ann Sims, and Edward Sims; her sisters-in-law Phyllis Elmore Sims, Mary Jo (Alpaugh) Sims, and Thedus Mayo Sims; and her brothers-in-law Joseph Downey and Donald Houston.

She is survived by her devoted daughter Angela Sims (Robert) Wright and her treasured grandchildren Isaac, Mason, and Carter Wright. She also leaves

behind her sisters Jennirose Houston, Clara (George) Janet, and Carol (Mark) Albrecht, one brother Fred (Sharon) Sims; along with many loving nieces, nephews, cousins, and dear friends.

Cecelia lived a full and meaningful life, one rich with family gatherings, holiday traditions. Gathering with siblings and watching the cousins build everything from forts to forever friendships was something she loved to do, nothing compared to her love for daughter Angela, but the grands and Robert ran a close second. Her warmth, strength, and love of family will be remembered always.

A visitation will be held on Wednesday, June 25, 2025 from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. at Norberg Memorial Home, Inc. & Monuments, 701 E Thompson Street, Princeton, IL 61356

A Funeral Mass will be held on Thursday, June 26, 2025 at 10:00 a.m. at St. Louis Catholic Church, 616 South Gosse Blvd, Princeton, IL Officiated by Monsignor James E. Kruse.

Graveside services to follow at Elm Lawn Cemetery, N Knox St, Princeton, IL. on Thursday, June 26, 2025.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be directed to the family.

Online memorials and condolences may be shared at www.norbergfh.com

Arrangements by Norberg Memorial Home, Inc. & Monuments.

Cemetery Details

Elm Lawn Memorial Park

N Knox St.
Princeton, IL 61356

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 25. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (CT)

Norberg Memorial Home, Inc.
701 E. Thompson Street
Princeton, IL 61356

Funeral Service

JUN 26. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

St. Louis Catholic Church - Princeton
616 S Gosse Blvd
Princeton, IL 61356

Graveside Service

JUN 26. 11:00 AM - 11:30 AM (CT)

Elm Lawn Memorial Park
North Knox Street
Princeton, IL 61356

Tribute Wall

RF

“ Robert R Wright Family& Kevin Townsend family purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Cecelia Sims.



Robert R Wright Family& Kevin Townsend family - June 25, 2025 at 03:32 PM

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“ Robert R Wright Family& Kevin Townsend family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Cecelia Sims.

Robert R Wright Family& Kevin Townsend family - June 25, 2025 at 03:32 PM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Cecelia Sims.



June 24, 2025 at 09:29 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Cecelia Sims.

June 24, 2025 at 09:29 PM

JS

“ Joe Sanchez lit a candle in memory of
Cecelia Sims



Joe Sanchez - June 24, 2025 at 07:56 PM

JS

“ I will always remember the times when I was younger when my
mom and I would join her and Angela for a meal at a restaurant.
There was always an abundance of humor to be shared when we'd
do that. I'll miss you and always love you mucho.

Joe Sanchez - June 24, 2025 at 07:51 PM

DS

“ Dolores Sanchez lit a candle in memory of
Cecelia Sims



Dolores Sanchez - June 24, 2025 at 04:29 PM

DS

*So many beautiful memories of her and I hanging out together. She
had the best humor! Always made me laugh. Heaven has gained
another Angel. Watch over all of us till we meet in Heaven.*

Dolores Sanchez - June 24, 2025 at 04:33 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Cecelia Sims.*



June 24, 2025 at 04:27 PM



“ *Uncle Jerry and Aunt Tina purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Cecelia Sims.*



Uncle Jerry and Aunt Tina - June 24, 2025 at 11:51 AM



“ *My condolences to you and your whole family. The time I got to spend with Cecelia on Friday afternoons was wonderful and the talks we had. We laughed a lot... I'll miss ya ...*



Shari B - June 23, 2025 at 10:08 PM